

Native American Genealogy

1. Start with yourself and work backwards. Follow standard procedures with pedigree charts and family history forms.
2. When you determine one of your ancestors may be an American Indian, some of the things you need to determine are:
 - a. Name of the person: Many Indian ancestors only had one name. Their surname may have been given to them by US Government agents.
 - b. Do research to determine the name of the federally recognized tribe for the tribal affiliation of your ancestor.
 - c. Approximately when did your ancestor live? A general rule is to subtract 20 years from your birth date to estimate birth dates of your parents. Do that until you get back to your Indian ancestor.
 - d. In what state or territory did your ancestor live? Many tribes moved freely across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Many had summer and winter homes.
 - e. Do some basic research on your ancestor's tribe. Try to read one tribal history published by a university press, which is peer reviewed, because the names and dates will be correct.
3. Federal records can be found in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). These records include:
 - a. Federal and Tribal Census Records
 - b. Land Allotment Records
 - c. Financial, School and Health Records
 - d. BIA Correspondence, Accounting Records, and Narrative Reports
 - e. Pre-Federal Records
4. Check the tribal archive records for information on your ancestor.

Web Sites:

Federal Sites:

1. Native American Records at the National Archives hold information about American Indians who maintained their ties to Federally-recognized Tribes (1830-1970)
<http://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans>
2. Archival Research Catalog has historical Native American Records online
<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/native-americans.html>
3. Bureau of Indian Affairs <http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>
4. Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs <http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/075.html>

Topical Sites:

5. Alphabetical Enumeration of Indian Tribes
<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/tribes/nations/index.htm>
6. Indian Census Records <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/census/index.htm>
7. North American Indian Tribes
<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/indianlocation.htm>
8. Native American Rolls <http://accessgenealogy.com/native/rolls.htm>
9. Native American Manuscript Resources <http://libraries.ou.edu/etc/westhist/namr.htm>

10. Indian Pioneer Papers Index for Oklahoma
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okgenweb/pioneer>

Arizona:

11. Arizona Indian Tribes <http://accessgenealogy.com/native/arizona>
12. Links to Information on Arizona Tribes
http://www.law.arizona.edu/Depts/iplp/students/prospective/general_info/facts/tribes.htm
13. Tribes and Villages of Arizona
<http://www.hanksville.org/sand/contacts/tribal/states.php?whichstate=AZ&title=Arizona>

Book Materials:

1. *Cherokee Proud: A Guide for Tracing and Honoring Your Cherokee Ancestors*, Tony Mack McClure, PhD, 2000, 2nd ed, 3rd Printing, Chunannee Books, (970.3 C5 M1 Genealogy Col)
2. *Guide to American Indian Documents in the Congressional Serial Set, 1817-1899*, Steven L Johnson, 1977, Clearwater Pub (970.5 J69 AZ Col)
3. *Guide to research on North American Indians*, Arlene B. Hirschfelder, 1983, American Library Association (970.1 H66 AZ Col)
4. *Handbook of North American Indians, Southwest, vol. 9 & 10*, William C. Sturtevant, editor, 1979, Smithsonian Institute (SI 1.20/2:9-10 Fed Docs)
5. *How to Research American Indian Blood Lines: A Manual on Indian Genealogical Research*, Cecelia Svinth Carpenter, 2000, Heritage Quest (970.1 C29 2000 Genealogy Col)
6. *Index, The Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789, (Vol. 2)* John P. Butler, 1978, GPO (973.3 B98 Genealogy Col)
7. *Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940, Arizona* (Archives Division)
8. *Native American Genealogical Sourcebook*, Paula K. Byers, ed, 1995, Gale Research (929.1 G324n Genealogy Col)
9. *Old Cherokee families*, Dr. Emmet Starr, 1987, Baker Pub Co., 2 vols (970.3 C5 S7 Genealogy Col)
10. *100 Native Americans who shaped American history*, Bonnie Juettner, 2003, Bluewood Books (970.2 J938 AZ Col)
11. *Our Native Americans: Their Records of Genealogical Value*, E. Kay Kirkham, 2 vols., 1980, Everton Pub (970.1 K59 Genealogy Col)
12. *The people: Indians of the American Southwest*, Stephen Trimble, 1993, SAR Press (979.00497 T83 AZ Col)
13. Records in Archives Division include: Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1895-1955; Office of the Governor, 1898-1983; Prisons, 1875-1929; Secretary of Territory, 1863-1902; and Territorial Legislature, 1864-1909
14. *A Student's Guide to Native American Genealogy*, E. Barrie Kavasch, 1996, Oryx Press (970.1 K21 Genealogy Col)

DNA Tests to show Native American Heritage:

1. Family Tree DNA <http://www.familytreedna.com/ngene.html>
2. Gene Tree <http://genetree.com/ancestral/nativeAmerican.php>
3. Relative Genetics
http://www.relativegenetics.com/relativegenetics/product_categories/native_american.htm